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Your City at Work for You

SPRINGFIELD, OH—(August 4, 2016)— With the calendar date of August 11th (8-11) approaching, The City of Springfield is joining utilities across the nation in reminding homeowners to call 8-1-1 before beginning any digging project. Calling 8-1-1 automatically routes you directly to the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) call center.

By law, everyone must contact OUPS at least 48 hours before the start of any digging project, such as planting a tree or building a deck. Trained locators will mark the locations of underground utility lines with flags or spray paint.

"This process ensures that community members are able to carry out home projects safely," said City Manager, Jim Bodenmiller.

The City of Springfield is both a user and a member of OUPS. City employees are required to call 8-1-1 before performing any excavation. As a member we respond to OUPS requests by marking the approximate location of Springfield's underground water, sewer, fiber optic, and traffic infrastructure located in public rights of way and easements.

If you have questions please contact the Springfield's Service Department at (937) 525-5800.

For more information, please visit www.springfieldohio.gov.